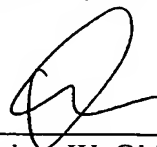


**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. The claims stand rejected over the Williams, et al. patent. However, Williams, et al. delivers a lubricant through a shaft passage 60, from the direction from the motor towards the pump unit. In contrast, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to make clear that in the present invention, the lubricant is flowing toward the motor, such that the oil return passage that returns the lubricant from the bearing toward an end of the bearing spaced away from the motor essentially reverses the direction of that lubricant flow. In the Williams, et al. device, the passages the examiner points to as the "oil return passage" merely redirects lubricant, but in the same general direction of moving away from the motor as the main lubricant flow. As such, claims 1 and 9 are not properly rejected by Williams, et al. The new dependent claims 16 and 17 recite further details that are also not shown by Williams, et al. An allowance of all claims is in order.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

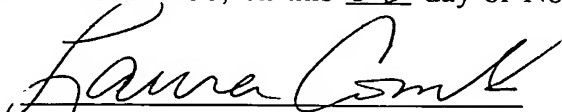


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